(f) whether Government have any plans to develop another missile similar to that of "Patriot" missile; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The first "Agni" test launch was carried out on 22 May, 1989.

(b) The 2nd "Agni" flight is scheduled to be tested in mid 1992.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does no arise.

(e) "Agni" is a re-entry technology demonstrator and is not a weapon system.

(f) and (g) Under Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme, work is under progress for development of medium range surface-to-air missile AKASH which has many similar advanced technology features as PATRIOT missile of USA.

Collaboration with U.S.A. for LCA Project

427. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to USA he had sought collaboration for the Light Combat Aircraft Project;

(b) if so what was the U.S. response thereto;

(c) whether senior Indian officials had held discussions with the North-rop Corporation of USA, if so, what was the outcome thereof;

(d) at what statge the L.C.A. Project stands at present; and

(e) whether Government are considering any proposal to seek transfer of underwater technology from USA?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The discussions with US companies for technologies and components for the Light Combat Aircraft are of 'ongoing' nature and the response from the US aero-space companies to this programme is satisfactory.

(c) Senior Indian officials had discussions with the Northrop Corporation of USA mainly exchanging ideas on the development work now under progress in their US plants as also their relevance to some of the existing and proposed programmes in India.

(d) The Project Definition Phase of the LCA has been completed. The Full Scale Engineering Development (FSED) commenced in April 1990 and would be carried out in two phases. Government sanction is being sought for Phase I activities for FSED in which critical technologies are planned to be demonstrated, Phase II of FSED is envisaged for integration of various other technologies to be developed in parallel to phase I. Already there is considerable progress in developing some of the critical technologies and sub-systems needed for the LCA such as Mission Computer.

(e) We have an abiding interest in some areas of underwater technology and preliminary discussions have been held for delineating areas of cooperation.

IPKF officers killed in Sri Lanka

428. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and details of the officers of the Indian Peace Keeping Force of the rank of Colonel and above who have been declared killed during operations in Sri Lanka and the particulars of such officers whose bodies could not be traced;

(b) whether there is any possibility about the survival of these officers; and

(c) if so, what efforts have been made by Government to trace these officers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Only one officer of the rank of Colonel and above, Col. V. K. Bakshi, IC-16709, was declared killed in action during IPKF operations in Sri Lanka. He was killed by militant fire, in an ambush. The body of Col. V. K. Bakshi could not be traced. He was declared killed after following procedures prescribed in this regard.

429. [*Transferred to the 4th May*, 1992]

Export of T.V. Sets

430. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of T. V. sets worth Rs. 500 crores is in danger due to the lacunae in the budget proposals;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking suitable steps to remove these anomalies to enable the Indian T.V. Industry to compete with other countries; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) According to the Public Notice No. 8-ITC (PN)/92-97 dated 10th April, 1992 issued by the Ministry of Commerce, the exporters of T.V. sets are now eligible for import licences to import populated, loaded or stuffed printed circuit boards and Video Tape Deck Mechanism including front and top loading cassette mechanism. The value of the import licence will be limited to 30 per cent of the FOB value of export realisation. In view of this, it is expected that there will be better exports of TV Sets. The budget proposals will not have any adverse effect on the export of TV Sets.

Revival of the Semiconductor Complex Limited

431. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the revival programme of the Semiconductor Complex Limited (SCL) has run into serious problems due to severe resource crunch; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, additional sources of finance for rebuilding the facilities at Semiconductor Complex Ltd. (SCL), including private partnership, are under consideration of the Government.

Representations against clearances for fishing in Country's territorial waters

432. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations specifically against the clearance given to US firms recently to bring 50 large fishing vessels for fishing in country's territorial waters;

(b) what are the details of the clearances given to US firms for fishing; and

(c) what are details of the representations received and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) A representation was received against allowing a US firm for brining factory shops etc. to India. In the representation, *inter alia*, it was mentioned that in the background of Government's attempt to revive sick Indian